Uncle Sam's Cash Box.

HINGTON. Nov. 24.-The treasof the United States, Hon. H. gan, has submitted to Secrerlisle the annual report on the ions and condition of the treas-The net ordinary revenues for al year ending June 30, cents were \$297,722,019, a decrease 197,609 as compared with the fore. The net ordinary exures were \$367,525,279, a deof \$15,952,674. Including the debt, the total receipts on all ts were \$724,006,538 and the ditures \$698, 908,552.

treasurer remarks the impairof the gold reserve, rendering ary the issuing of bonds in my was caused chiefly by the ary was caused chief nsufficient revenues.

two important events of the feeting the condition of the lebt were the issue of \$50,000, per cent bonds to replenish d reserve and the stoppage of rehase of silver bullion by the

of treasury notes.
to July, 1892, the gold reserve
tilttle affected by withdrawals there never having been any erable demand for the rewere heavy the metal was hed by bankers from their or was obtained from the ary for gold certificates, of vithout impairment to the re-During the last two years, the treasury has been called to furnish nearly the whole of quirements for exports and have lately been considerable awals for other uses. To the September the total redemp-United States notes in gold the resumption of specie pay-were \$181,300,000 and the total tion of the treasury notes in om their first issue were \$68, -

reference to the retirement of ry notes, the treasurer says or to August, 1893, the treasad been able to provide for the otion of treasury notes in silver out of the holdings of free silt time, any impairment of tal amount of the silver fund and another of the saver and mulated under the act. On st 3, however, silver doland bullion in the treasury become reduced to the amount red by law to be retained for the nt of outstanding treasury and certificates, and the defor the redemption of notes ming in consequence of the searcity of the small denominaof currency, it became necesally for that purpose. The fund being thus impaired, the so redeemed were cancelled in o preserve the required equal-ween the silver in the treasury he notes outstanding. The total at of the notes retired in this o to October 31 was \$4,790,434. mount of the new issues of States paper currency put culation during the year 9,190, having been exceeded nee, in 1892. The amount of and mutilated notes redeemed 200. This also has been exbut once, in 1893. The total circulation reached its highest n May last, when it stood at then there has been ght contraction, caused chiefly ne gradual redemption and ent of gold certificates, of which was suspended, as the quires, when the gold reserve treasury fell below \$100,000,000. withstanding a change in the ations whereby senders of na-bank notes for redemption required to bear the charges for portation, the redemptions were

AIRYMEN CONVENTION. as Batter Makers Call for Protec-

aviest since 1886, amounting to

000, or more than half of the

-Officers of the Association. PEKA, Kan., Nov. 24. - The State association last night adopted tions urging national and state food legislation, especially ation to prevent the sale of erated dairy products and se of dairy terms in the nfacture and sale of anypassing for butter, such atterine," "Jersey prints," etc. his end a state law, embodying principles of the Paddock pure ill is demanded to be enforced a officer to be known as dairy and commissioner, to be elected by people. It is also recommended

states be established by legiss forencon the following officers elected for the ensuing year: dent, A. G. Eyth of Dickinson secretary and treasurer, H. and tof McPherson county; as-t secretary, J. K. Forney of The old commitinson county. The old commit-on legislation, consisting of A. K. Peter Heil of Shawnee and J. L. Hoffman of Harvey was continued. Newton was eted as the next place of meeting.

dairy school similar to those in

ceiter of a St. Joseph Company. Joseph, Mo., Nov. 24.-Judge o-day granted the application ceiver for the St Joseph Loan ust company, and he will' be to-morrow. The liabilities of apany are about \$135,000 and

sets \$195,000, most of the latter Kansas and Nebraska land. A I hysician Hero Dead. MPRIS, Tenn., Nov. 24.—Dr. F. L. who achieved world wide reduring the yellow fever epidemthis city, died suddenly here

WHOLESALE FORGERIES.

A South Dakota Operator Gets Away

YANKTON, S. D. Nov. 24.—The nominal firm of Pierce, Wright & Co., the biggest financial concern in this sec-tion, has collapsed as the result of wholesale forgeries of school bond and tax sale certificates and other securities which were disposed of through the London branch of the house. Although Pierce had \$200,000 worth of property here it has all been transferred by mortgages or trust deeds, and a careful search failed to reveal a dollars' worth in his own

The frauds perpetrated will probably aggregate \$1,000,000.

The nominal firm was really only
J. T. M. Pierce, Wright having with-J. T. M. Pierce, Wright having with-drawn from it several years ago, and there being no company. The "firm" had branch offices in London, Eng-land, Spokane, Wash., and at Hol-yoke, Col., and had done business in all these places, but the principal of-fice has been at Yankton, which has also been Pierce's place of residence. The London office was the place where the issues of fraudulent papers

Were the issues of the work were turned it. I will be the work of the work were the wo factured by the wholesale with forged signatures attached with seals, verifications, etc. He found a ready mar-ket for his bogus paper through the good standing of his London house.

Who is responsible for the whole-sale forgeries is only a matter of conjecture as yet. 'In the school bond issues the South Dakoka counties of Yankton, Bonhomme, Hutchinson, Turner, Clay and Union were covered. Bonhomme, Hutchinson,

The business has been going on many years. The last school bond to come to light is dated December 1, come to light is dated December 1, 1893. It purported to be of independent school district No. 2 of Bonhomme county, for \$25,000, payable to J. P. Crennan, who died several years before it was issued. W. H. Brown of Yankton is the alleged notary who attested the docament. An opinion as to its legality is attached, signed "Gamble Bros., per H. S. Gamble." The firm was not in existence at that time, and H. S. Gamble was never a member. The signatures are forged. It is guaranteed by Pierce's London house. guaranteed by Pierce's London house. This paper was sold to English par d was recently made the subject of investigation by T. Mallinson of Texas, an Englishman.

Numerous fraudulent mortgages have also been palmed off upon un-suspecting Englishmen. What Pierce has done with the money secured by him cannot be learned. He has built extensively in Yankton, some of the most substantial improvements in the city being the result of his investments. He has lived expensively, maintaining an establishment here and one in London. He has put \$175,000 into the grade and right of way of the Yankton and Norfolk railroad, though there is a belief that the money for the railroad work was not a portion of his income from the school bond tax certificate factory, there being good authority for the statement that the sum was subscribed and paid by Englishmen. Pierce left England October 5 for America and, it is said, is now in Mexico or Central America. city being the result of his invest-

Mexico or Central America.

A SWEEPING REFORM.

Internal Revenue Bureau Under Civi

Service Laws. WASHINGTON, Nov. 24. - Administration officials are preparing the way for the proclamation of the order placing the internal revenue service under the operation of the civil service laws.

There is a doubt as to whether deputy collectors will be brought under the civil service law. It is argued that their duties and responsibilities are so closely linked with those of the collectors themselves that the incumbents of the offices should at liberty to appoint those deputies. No conclusion on this head has as yet been reached, but the president may determine to exempt the subordinates named. All others, clerks, storekeepers, guagers and the like, will find full protection in the Butter-Creamery print. order of extension. Lists of all the employes in the service in all the disthroughout the United States are being prepared and will be turned over to the civil service commission in a few days. This will be done to prevent collectors from making wholesale dismissals of those Republican employes remaining and pointing Democrats to the positions

in anticipation of the order. There are in the neighborhood of 5,050 places in the internal revenue service, ranging in salaries from \$1,000 to \$4,000 per year. In consequence, the expected order of the president, if it covers the entire service. vice, will be the most important and far reaching of any issued during the present administration.

A NEW TREATY WITH JAPAN

Secretary Gresham and Minister Kuring Quietly Sign the State Document.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24. - Secretary of State Gresham, in behalf of the United States, and Minister Kurino of Japan, in behalf of his country, have affixed their signatures to a new treaty of amity and commerce be-

tween this country and Japan.
Coming at the present time, the signing of the treaty is considered of much significance beyond its actual terms, as it establishes cordiality between the countries when foreign tween the countries when foreign powers are endeavoring to show that rejection of offers of war mediation was a snub to the United States. The signing of the treaty concludes a la-bor which has been in progress for fifteen years, through the administrations of several Japanese ministers.

MONETT, Mo., Nov. 24.-Jesse Dorsen, who claimed his home in Rogers, Ark., was killed here yesterday and robbed of \$25. His assailant was a tramp, who was captured and part of the money recovered. He refuses to give his name. He was sent to jail.

Mosked Highwaymen in Atchison. ATCHISON, Kan., Nov. 24.—Masked robbers entered Heinz's lunch house last night and compelled the proprietor to hand over \$92. Similar cases are of nightly occurrence of late and the police are powerless to prevent it.

MOUNT TACOMA ERUPTION.

The Great Monarch of the Cascades Strangely Transformed

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 23.—Great exitement has been caused throughout the Puget sound country by what is looked upon by many as an eruption of Mount Tacoma, or Ranier, 14,444 feet high, and one of the loftiest peaks in the United States.

The mountain has lately been atrangely transformed. The crest of the great monarch of the Cascades has changed, the cone having fallen in, and steam can be seen rising from the crater. There is no eruption, it the crater. There is no eruption, it is believed by those most competent to judge, but great masses of rock seem to have fallen. The snow-capped cone has disappeared and a sharp-pointed peak has risen in its place to the east of the crater. The changed appearance of the mountain is evident from the streets of Seattle, ninety miles disstreets of Seattle, ninety miles dis-tant, and thousands of people have watched the great peak all the afternoon. But very few people have ever ascended the mountain, and at this season of the year the ascension is an absolute impossibility. There is no way of making a thorough investiga-tion of the phenomenon.

COUNTERFEITING IN ZMERICA.

Features of the Report of Chief Hazen of the Secret Service.

Washington, Nov. 23.—William P. Hazen, chief of the secret service of the treasury, in his annual report shows that during the year the total number of arrests made was 647, nearly all of which were for violations of the statutes relating to counterfeiting United States money. Of those arrested about 300 were either convicted or pleaded guilty, and 129 are now awaiting the action of the grand juries. The fines collected amounted to \$5,967. The amount of altered or counterfeit notes captured during the year was \$23,150; coins,\$751. was also captured thirty-one plates from which counterfeit notes had been printed, thirty-three dies,

150 molds, and a large quantity of miscellaneous matter, consisting of tools, melting pots, etc.

The experience of last year furnished evidence of great activity among counterfeiters, the number of agreed largely exceeding that of any streets largely exceeding that of arrests largely exceeding that of any previous year in the history of the

DEFICIT STILL GROWING.

Government Over Twenty-two Millions Behind Since July 1.

WASAINGTON, Nov. 23. - The receipts from customs so far during the present month are \$7,480,693; internal revenue, \$5,169,040; miscellaneous sources, \$912,339, making a total of \$13,562,072.

The expenditures amount to \$22, 160,000, making the deficit so far this month \$8,597,928, and for the period since July 1, 1884, \$22,951,790.

An Original Republican at Rest.

Troy, N. Y., Nov. 23.-Judge James T. Robinson died yesterday afternoon 'n North Adams, Mass., after a lingering illness at the age of 72 years. He was editor of the North Adams Trans-script and an able writer. He was also judge of probate, and was one of the organizers of the Republican party in Massachusetts and a delegate at large to the convention which re-uominated Abraham Lincoln.

Busts of Vice Presidents Placed. Washington, Nov. 23. — Busts of Vice Presidents Stevenson, George M. Dallas and Elbridge Gerry have been placed in the vice presidential niches in the senate gallery. The Aaron Burr statue has been placed in one of the gallery corridors preparatory to transferring it to its permanent quarters inside the senate chamber.

LIVE STOCK AND PRODUCE MARKETS

Quotations from New York, Chicago, St. Louis, Omaha and Elsewhere. OMAHA

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ST. LOUIS.

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.-The Lexow committee will resume its investigation into the affairs of the police department Monday, December 3. It is understood that the committee will start off with evidence as to the conduct of some high officials.

Peixoto May Visit This Country. Rio De Janeiro, Nov. 23. - The United States will soon be visited by ex-President Peixoto. He is in bad health, the result of overwork incident to the revolution in this country, and on the advise of his physici-

ans be contemplates a tour.

HER FIRST CAKE.

the measured out the butter with a vory

solemn air.

The milk and sugar also and she took the greatest care

To count the ergs correctly and to add a little

Of baking powder, which, you know, beginners oft omit

Then she stirred it altogether and she baked it full an hour-

But she never quite forgave herself for leaving out the flour!
—Springfield Republican

A Passive Crime.

BY "THE DUCHESS."

CHAPTER VIII—CONTINUED. "What is it, my lamb?" she says, bending down to her with deep con-cern. "What distresses you? All day long you have been fretting. and now, even as evening falls upon us, I find you weeping again! Why is this, my precious? What has happened?"

"It is nothing," says Maud, evasive-

ly. "A foolish fancy; and, besides, my head aches."

"Or your heart, perchance. Yet why? He has come back to you, that young Penruddock, safe and sound. Your conscience, therefore, must be free of offense. Saumarez has been true to his word, and has spared him; yet in spite of all this, you are openly unhappy. The boy is alive. It is I should weep for that, not you."

"Esther," says the girl, suddenly, sitting up, and confronting her with flushed cheeks and angry eyes, "you must not speak thus—you shall not; and if you persist in hating him, I shall learn to bate you!"

Her tone smites her listener to the heart.

"I was wrong," she says. with contrition. "How could I speak to you like that?" She slips a warm, soft arm round the woman's neck as she speaks, and Esther, turning, kisses her little hand with passionate love. "How could I hate one who has taken care of me all my life, and even saved me from death once, as you have told me? But of what kind you have not said. Death from starvation, was it?" "No; from sudden death."

"Why have you never told me about that?"

"What?" "You know what I mean-that rescue?"

"I sha'l some day."

"Why not now?" "I shall wait till you are more sensible."

"I do not understand you." "I mean till you have learned to forget Penruddock, and to love

another." "Then I think I shall never hear

that story," says the girl, very "Tut! Does love, think you, last

forever? Time will teach you more than that." "It would take a very long time

indeed to teach me to forget Dick." "So you think now; but when a year has gone by, and he has forgotten you, and found a fresh idol, then you will come to believe in my words, and then you shall hear the story of your deliverance from death."

"I don't want to hear it," says Maud, wilfully, drawing back from Esther.

She was silent for a few moments, and then asked, in an anxious tone, "Are men really so fickle as you say, nurse?

"Fickle, and worse. Cold and

"But not Dick, I am very sure," says Maud, with tears in her eyes and voice.

"He is his father's son, and will no doubt follow in his tather's foot-steps. notwithstanding that his mother was, really and truly, a saint upon earth."

"Was she?" eagerly. "Then I think he must be like his mother." After which she falls to weeping again bitterly, with the little crumpled note, so precious to her, hid-den in her small, feverish hand. Her tears seem to drop like molten lead upon the woman's heart. She gets up impatiently, and paces the room in a restless fashion, stopping at last close to the chair where her darling sits lamenting.

"Do not cry," she says, tapping the back of the chair with nervous fingers. "Why will you spoil your eyes and wear away your heart-strings? What is it that ails you now? Tell your old Esther."

"It is a hopeless wish," says the girl, mournfully; "but I want to be as other girls are-I want to have a father and a mother of whom I need not be ashamed. I want to be born in the same society as-as Dick's, and to be his equal. I don't want money; I only want to be raised above the finger of scorn. Oh. Esther, come near to me! I must tell it all to you. I never knew until to-day, when he seemed given back to me from the grave, how fondly, how truly I love him!"

"Alas-alas! that things should have gone so far!" mutters Esther, regretfully.

"When I saw him again, and felt his hands in mine, a great well of joy sprang up within my heart. It was as though he belonged to me, was mine forever-as if nothing could ever part us again; yet it is all in vain.

"All is vanity" repeats the woman, dreamily.

"To-morrow," goes on Maud, sad-

with tender fingers, "he is coming again to ask me to be his wife, and for the last time I shall say no. Af-

how bear it, and live?"

"Then marry him, if your heart is so set upon it," says Esther, sullenly. "Do you think I would do him such an injustice? And besides, I would not marry him against his father's will. I have still"-scornfully-"some pride left."

How can you possibly know that Penruddock would seriously object?" "By this letter, though the thought is well disguised, and by many other

things." "So still proud!" says the woman. scornfully. "Yet the day is fast approaching when he will be compelled

to lower his tone!" "What do you say, Esther?" hast-ily cried Maud, wondering at those

"Nothing. Never mind me. Yet it kills me to see you unhappy, when

I could help you."
"Help me! Oh, nurse, if you only could!" says the girl in deep agitation, kneeling down before Esther, and leaning her arms on her knees while gazing with intense earnestness into the dark visage above her. "Sometimes your manner is so strange it makes me believe you are suppressing something. Dear nurse—dearest Esther, help me in this matter if you can! Mr. Penruddock is coming here to-morrow with Dick. Help me to meet them. Oh. do, see me miserable. I know help me. the then, dear Fsther, if only for the sake of your own peace help me. sake of your own peace, help me!"

There is a whole world of entreaty in the large blue eyes, that gaze upward through a veil of tears. Esther, after a moment's hesitation and fear-"Ay, that will be my reward, no doubt!" mutters Fsther, bitterly. gesture as though resigning something that for years had been sweet to her, and, stooping, presses her lips fondly to Maud's white brow. Is she not as her own child-dearer to her than anything the world can offer? Shall she not, for her darling, relinquish her pet scheme?

"Perhaps the time is come, she savs, slowly. "Tell me, child, is Gilbert Saumarez in town?" "I don't know; but you could find

out. Why do you want that dread-ful man, nurse?"—with a blush and a shudder, as she remembers that last meeting with him, in which Esther had borne a part.

"Now lie down again, and try to sleep, or you will be in a high state of fever to-morrow, and unfit to encounter any one," says Esther, with authority, not answering her question. "And"-meaningly-"there is much before you—more than you form any idea of."

CHAPTER IX.

All Known. Next morning, sitting in her own room, discussing the post and her chocolate, Mrs. Neville grows suddenly serious over a letter just opened, and which not only disturbs, but very greatly perplexes her. It is from Mr. Penruddock, demanding an interview, and begging her to name an hour in which he may speak to her upon a subject of much importance, both to him and her. There is no mention of Maud in the letter; yet it so unmistakably means business in every line, that Mimi feels uneasy, and, ringing the bell, summons Esther to her aid—the woman having proved herself of sound judgment upon several occasions, when Mrs. Neville found herself in

where else to look for it.

For two long hours she and Esther remain closeted together, at the end dor with an air of open triumph and gladness in her whole demeanor, that contrasts rather oddly with the pink lids and heavy eyes that betray the fact of her having been crying bitterly. In her hand she bears a letter, which is addressed to George Penruddock. Isther, going to Maud's room, after some persuasion. induces her to send a note to Dick. desiring him to come to South Andley street at a particular hour—that | The Woman Tried to Have Her Daughis to say, at nine o'clock that even-

The lamps are carefully lowered. the curtains drawn. There is sufficient light to discern objects. but hardly enough to read the features of Maud Neville, who, reclining in a low chair at the upper end of the room, sits idly gazing into vacancy, whilst swinging slowly to and fro a huge black fan. Upon a table underneath Mrs. Penruddock's picture two lamps are burning dimly. Mrs. Neville is lounging on a solemn arm chair a solemn arm thair a solemn arm thair a solemn arm that the solemn arm the solemn arm that the solemn arm the solemn arm that the solemn arm that the solemn arm the solemn arm that the solemn arm the sole which, to speak more plainly, means that she is slowly but surely falling into the arms of Morpheus.

The sound of a bell rings through the house, there is a pause, and the door opens slowly, and Mr. Penruddoc's comes in with the heavy, determined step of one who has a righteous cause to be adjusted. and with his countenance stern and white. It is at all times a forbidding countenance, no one has ever thought otherwise, though strangely handsome, but to-night it is very nearly repulsive.

He advances to where Mrs. Neville (who has suddenly aroused from slumber to a full sense of the situation) is sitting, but pauses on his way, and shudders, perceptibly, as, looking up by chance, he sees that he is before the portrait of his dead sister-in-law. Mrs. Penruddock's large, pathetic blue eyes are gazing Her thoughts seem far away, lost down upon him, as so often they in dreams that belong to a curious gazed in life, sweet and earnest, and just now, as it seems to his distorted fancy, something more than all this. lv. smoothing out the crushed note Is it that he has grown superstitious within the last few moments, or do they wear a reproachful took that thrills his whole being? Is the beau-her husband with twins the other ter that we shal be strangers for- tiful face eager and expectant, as day."

ever, and how shall I bear it? Oh, though she would demand at his hands the little one left to him in trust? Recovering himself by a great effort, he goes up to Mrs. Neville, and says something formal to her about his gratitude for the in-

torview thus granted. He is perhaps going to explain why the meeting was solicited, when the abrupt entrance of his son checks him for the time being. A quick shade of anger crosses the young man's brow as he sees his father. In-stinctively his glance turns to where Maud is bitting, so far apart from the rest; but she is so enveloped by the shadows falling from the lowered lamps, that he cannot distinguish her features with any clearness. He would have gone over to her at once, but Mrs. Neville, by a sharp gesture of command, stays him and brings him to her own side.

Stay. Dick," she says, quietly. "Your place is here—as yet."

So he stays by her, as in duty bound, though sorely troubled at "After all that I have urged, you

have come," he says, coldly turning to his father. "Yes; to say that which I told you

yesterday I intended to say!" retorts Penruddock, stubbornly. Then, ad-dressing Mrs. Neville, he adds, in a labored tone, "It would make matters much easier if I might speak to you alone, without the presence of -Miss Neville!" There is a covert insolence in the

hesitation that he shows before pronous neing Maud's name that makes Mrs. No.

"If what you have come here to say refers to Miss 1" she should her wish and mine that be a listener to it." she says, slowly. "Therefore, do not hesitate, but commence at once, and let us hear, if you please, that which you have come hither to speak.

"That is as you desire, of course," Penruddock returns, calmly: "and, indeed, it is but little of your time I shall require. I would merely re-mark that I shall never, under any circumstances, give my consent to an alliance between my son and your adopted daughter."

At this, Maud, who until now has sat silent and almost motionless, starts into life. She rises to her feet, and, though still keeping well in the shadow, turns to confront Penruddock.

"Reserve your disapprobation. sir," she says, in a voice low but distinet; "there is no occasion for it, still less for your consent to my marriage with your son. As he will himself inform you, I have already told him, and very distinctly, that such a union is utterly impossible." Dick makes a movement as though he would go to her, but Penruddock

detains him. "You hear what she says?" he exclaims, eagerly. "She has refused you. Let it rest there. It is all at an end. Surely you would not press the matter? Have you no self-

esteem? Have you no pride?" "In this case, none," says the young man, sadly. "It is my happiness, my life, for which I plead."

"But she tells me plainly that with her own lips she has rejected "If," says Dick, earnestly, going up to Maud, and taking both her

hands in his, "if she will also tell you, not only with her own lips, but honestly and from her heart, that want of good advice, and knew not she does not love me, I shall then resign all hope of ever gaining her. I shall cease to weary her with my of which time Mrs. Neville, opening the door, comes out into the corrito wed a happier man; but never until she has told me that. You may therefore spare yourself all further trouble on my account."

He pauses, as if overcome by emotion, and then goes on again in a voice that trembles slightly. "I await my sentence. Maud, speak!" TO BE CONTINUED.

CALLED DOWN.

ter's Engagement Ring Appraised. A salesman in a Philadelphia jew-

elry store was approached by a woman of the fashionable world and her daughter, a few days ago. latter looked somewhat embarrassed. ·· I desire to get a ring for my daughter," said the woman. The salesman looked at the young lady. "Not this one-another daughter. It is to be a surprise." She was shown case after case of diamond rings. but none seemed to suit her. Finally she said to her daughter: "Show him yours, dear." Blushingly the girl took off her glove and slipped a sparkling ring from her engagement finger. "I want to get one exactly like that. How much will it cost?" The salesman looked at the ring, and the girl watched him as bravely as she could. He recognized it as one he had sold to Mr. Blank a few days before. So he handed the ring back to the daughter and said: "The cost of this ring. madam. was a confidential matter between Mr. Blank and myself. We haven't another like it in the house. I understood from his remarks that he thought the ring would not be valued at its intrinsic worth. However, if you wish to know its value. take it to some pawn shop, and multiply what they will offer you by three and you will get pretty nearly The mother the correct price." flounced out of the store in great wrath. Her daughter followed, almost in tears.

Nothing Stingy About Her.

"Mrs. Robinson has the reputation of being very stingy." "I should say report belies her,

then." "You think so?"